

## Becoming an Arbitrator in Snohomish County

Per Snohomish County Local Mandatory Arbitration Rule 3.1:

- Qualifications:**
1. Member of the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) who has been admitted to the Bar for a minimum of 5 years.
  2. Retired Superior Court Judge or Commissioner; or
  4. By stipulation, the parties to a case may agree to an arbitrator not on the Snohomish County Arbitration Panel if the arbitrator so chosen is a duly qualified member of an arbitration panel established under Local Mandatory Arbitration Rules of another county in the State of Washington.
  5. The parties may also stipulate to a non-lawyer arbitrator upon approval of the Director.

All approved Arbitrators must renew on an annual basis and solicitation of new applicants will be sought on an annual basis through announcement in the Snohomish County Bar Association's newsletter. Renewals and new applications will typically occur in the fall of each year.

**To apply:** Click [here](#) for the Arbitrator Application and Oath. You may also submit a resume/CV.

Mail to: Superior Court of Snohomish County  
Attn: Arbitration Director  
3000 Rockefeller Ave., M/S 502  
Everett, WA 98201-4060

### Compensation:

Per [SCLMAR 8.6](#) Compensation of Arbitrator: Generally. Arbitrators shall be compensated in the same amount and manner as judges pro tempore of the Superior Court. Hearing time and reasonable preparation time are compensable, and reasonable costs incurred by the arbitrator are reimbursable. (b) [Form](#). When the award is filed, the arbitrator shall submit to the Director a request for payment on a form prescribed by the Court. The Director shall determine the amount of compensation and costs, if any, to be paid. The decision of the Director will be reviewed by the Presiding Judge at the request of the arbitrator. Compensation to the arbitrator shall not exceed \$1250 and costs reimbursement shall not exceed \$50 without special approval by the Presiding Judge.

The compensation rate is reviewed and established annually by the Administrative Office of the Courts. The rate for 2014 in Snohomish County will be \$86.74 per hour.